Sir

Glasgow 18th Novr. 1751

I had the favour of your letter this day and by it perceive the University is much indebted to your care and diligence in their affairs. The Gentleman who Examined the Account along with you would not have made the least Scruple about the first Article of it had he known, as he could not well do, that the design of these Accounts is to show whether the Expence of the University exceeds their Revenue or not, and, if it does, to show how much it has exceeded the Revenue ever since the year 1718 when these Accounts first began; for this makes it plain that the Sum Super Expended during that time till the end of 1736 viz: 155£. 7s. 9 2/4d ought properly to make the first Article for 1737. this Sum is not indeed set down in the last Certificate which was obtained in the year 1745, but it is in the Account sent to the Treasury upon which that Certificate was founded. If any diffi-culty should yet Occurr you may apply to his Grace the Duke of Argyle who, when here, was pleased to say he would use his good offices to remove any obstacle to the getting the Certificate; but I hope you shall have gotten the Certificate before this comes to your hand.

I am glad Mr Chevely is to write soon, we much wish for his Account. I believe the Character you give of him is very just.

The Account you give us of the Baliol affair makes us very sorry especially if your health be in any wise a part of the cause of

~~of the cause~~ of Your wishing to give it Over; if that were good I hope you would not want Spirits. we entreat in the mean time you would give us your best advice, and that you would omitt nothing your health will allow you to do to bring the affair to a right Issue; but if your want of health should not allow you to go on with it, which would give us great vexation, I know you will give us timeous advertisement of it. I am in great haste

Sir

Your most humble
Obedient Servant
Rob: Simson

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Mr Joshua Sharpe

at Lincoln's Inn No. 4

London

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10 Nov 1751

Dr. Sir Glasgow 5th Novr. 1756

I (William Rouet) received some weeks ago from Oxford two different Schemes for the future management of the Charity Estate, and Education of the Exhibitioners. both these Schemes are no doubt long ag[o] in Mr Cater's hands and yours. by comparing them with the one sen[t] to you from this University, you will easily see that the most essentia[l] Articles are either intirely left out, or plainly opposed and contradicted. we are all too sensible of both the importance of the Cause, and the expensiveness of a Suit in Chancery, to agree to any new Scheme, which must necessarily confine our Exhibitioners to Baliol College, or leave that College an absolute power to repeat the same unwarrantable Acts, which have cost us so much trouble and so much expence to reduce. Therefor after carefully perusing both the Schemes, we have agreed to send you up the following instructions, being throughly convinced you will do your utmost to obtain their sanction from the Master.

Instructions relating to the Scheme sent up by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Provost of Queens College, President of St Johns, and the Master of Baliol College.

1mo We cannot agree that ten pounds should be payed yearly out of the Estate to the Master of Baliol, nor fifty pounds to the College of Baliol, as there is no foundation from the Testators Will for making any allowance at all.

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2do Tho we agree that all Scholars sent up by us should submit [and] conform to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England, yet we must insist That they shall not be obliged to enter into Holy orders, [for] the Will expressly prohibites any of them from accepting of any [be]nefice in England or Wales. But if the Trustees will agree to [wai]ve the Necessity of entering into orders, we shall agree to allow the [E]xhibitioners a power of choosing to do it.

Further Instructions relating to a Scheme proposed by the Master and Fellows of Baliol College for the future management of the Charity, upon the Supposition that the trust of the Estate is to continue vested in the Six Senior Fellows of that College, and that the Exhibitioners are confined to it.

1mo We think that it is not reasonable that the Master of Baliol with the concurrence of the Vice Chancellor should have the Sole right to Nominate a Steward to collect the rents of the Estate if let to tenants at a rack rent, but think ourselves founded Sufficiently to insist upon our having a Negative upon such Nomination, till we are convinced that the person named is fit and proper, and till we get Sufficient Security for his good conduct in Managing the Estates.

2do. We think there is no Necessity that the three Senior Exhibitioners who are to meet with the Trustees every Midsummer day to inspect the Books &c. should be Graduates, since the Will makes no such restriction.

3tio We think the College of Baliol will reap Sufficient profit and advantage from having Six Scholars confined to their College for their maintenance and education without any other allowance whatever from the Estate, especially since no mention at all is made in the Will of making any such allowance.

4to We insist That the Scholars sent up by us must not necessarily [be] undergraduates, since there is no such limitation in the founders Wi[ll] and since no Oaths whatever are administred upon taking Degrees wh[ich] the Exhibitioners being Graduates can in no sense interfere with the Oaths they are obliged to take when admitted to any Degrees in Oxford.

5to We can by no means consent That the moneys stopt from the weekly allowances of undergraduates and Batchelors of Arts should go to Baliol College, but must insist that the money thus stopt be applied in the manner set furth in Our Scheme.

6to Neither can we agree that any part of the Stoppages from the Masters of Arts, should go to Baliol College, and think that one whole years absence should vacate his Exhibition.

We are all convinced that the best method of obtaining a preference to these essential Articles in our Scheme, is to point out in the clearest manner to the Court, the grossness of former abuses, and therefor must recommend it warmly to your care to use the utmost pains to perswade Master Spicer, to state in his report the great sums which have accrued to Baliol College to the prejudice of the Charity, First the sum arising from stoppages for non-residency's which I think amounts to 800£. and 2ly the sum arising from vacancy's when above six months, which amounts to near 1100£. When these

these are fully and fairly stated to the Court, we flatter ourselves that the new alterations we propose will appear quite proper and reasonable. Wishing you both health and Spirits to prosecute this cause and bring it to a happy issue, I ever am

Dr Sir

Your most humble Servant

Sic Subs. Wil: Rouet

Sir

The foregoing letter I was desired by the University meeting to transcribe, and to sign it as Clerk to the University. At the same time they appointed me to desire you to write without delay what steps are proper and Necessary to be taken by the University for the finishing of what relates to the Whole of this affair in the best manner. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Rob: Simson Cl. Univ.

5. Novr 1756
Mr Rouet

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2.) Handschriftliche Übersetzung eines Briefes von Wil. Ronel mit eigenhändigen Fußnoten bzw. Nachschrift von Simson 4.p. 4° Glasgow 5.XI.1756.

S I M S O N Robert, Dr.Med.geb. 14.Okt.1687 Kirton-Hall, Ayrshire, Schottl., gest.1.Okt.1768 Glasgow. Seit 1711/an Stelle von Robert Sinclair/Prof.d.Mathem.an d. Univ.zu Glasgow."Treatise on conic section /1735/The loci plani of Apollonius restored/1749/Euclid's Elements/1756/ -"Two general propositions of Pappus, in which many of Euclid's porisms are included/Phil. Tr.1723/.On the extraction of the approximate roots of numbers by infinite series /1753/.-Im J.1776 liess Graf Stanhope auf seine Kosten noch folgende von ihm hinterlassene Aufsätze drucken 1./Apollonius determinate section, 2./A treatise on porisms 3./A tract on logarithms, 4./On the limits of quantities and ratios, 5./Some geometrical problems.